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Dear Mom & Dad,

I got your note today, and had to laugh when you mentioned we were lucky our plane left when it did because of fog problems. It turned out our plane couldn't leave because of mechanical problems, and we waited around a couple hours for another plane. It turned out to be the same one Dick was on, and had fun talking to

him. Then we got stuck in Chicago again due to problems, and got home about 1 a.m. It was a very rough flight into National, and I was scared to death!

We have ended up with a big group here Thanksgiving after all. Two other families of congressmen are coming over, as well as Sue and maybe Carolyn. I was at a Democratic wives meeting today when we planned it. I will fix the turkey, and the rest will bring most of everything else, so it shouldn't be too much trouble. There will be 4 little girls, so Diane will have fun

I called the Wards (in our Mercer Island house) and told them we are coming back. Congress has a recess from about Jan. 5 to 20th, so we will meet them. We will miss seeing you

at Christmas, but will see you soon after.

Jimmy called the other night. He wanted me to send him his running shoes that Carolyn had, and said they will arrive here Dec. 31. They will stay here a week, then move into a hotel, his company is paying for. I hope we'll be here. I guess we can always leave their sleeping bags for them, if our furniture is being packed.

Bye for now,  
Love, Mary